

APRIL

NEW(S) HORIZON

2016

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE WALPOLE COUNCIL ON AGING

We are proud to sponsor many events and programs addressing the health and well-being of Walpole seniors. Examples of these are:

Nutrition Programs VNA Clinics Dominos

TRIAD Yoga Whist

HESSCO Lunches Outreach Services Bridge

Podiatrist Cribbage Great Trips

Educational Groups Financial Programs Chair Exercise

Bingo Veterans Group Mah Jongg

Day of Beauty (September-June)

Transportation for shopping, errands and medical appointments

LOOK INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER FOR TIMES & DATES OF THESE PROGRAMS!

WALPOLE COUNCIL OF AGING CENTER 135 SCHOOL STREET, WALPOLE, MA 02081

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 – 5:00PM; Tuesday 8:30 – 8:00PM Telephone: 508-668-3330, Fax: 508-660-7363, Website: www.walpole-ma.gov

The Council on Aging is the department of town government dedicated to assessing the needs of and providing services to Walpole residents age 60 and older. The mission of the Walpole Council on Aging is to promote social, recreational and educational activities and provide advocacy and assistance to Walpole Seniors and their families.

You are invited to all meetings of the Walpole Council on Aging. Our next meeting is **THURSDAY, APRIL 21, AT 1:30 PM,** at the Newell Senior Center attached to Walpole Town Hall.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring! The Walpole Council on Aging wants to recognize the individual capabilities and needs of each senior citizen. Our mission is to assist the community in establishing a full range of services which allow older persons to live in the most independent manner possible. We are thrilled that so many people use the Center, and want to keep welcoming new people. To help with this, the Walpole Council on Aging has worked with Walpole High School to create a new logo for our Center. The student who created this logo is Angela Pyne. We are grateful for all her hard work.



I also want to thank two essential members of our community who work behind the scenes: Ron Farnum and Nick Marenilli. These two gentlemen are always ready to help, answer questions, pick up donations for the Center and so much more.

Lastly, with spring here and hopefully the nice weather, we will be offering Pop-Up Trips for

outdoor activities. Make sure you keep an eye out for notices or check in with the Center!!

Courtney Riley

Director
Walpole Council on Aging

HELPFUL NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:

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Meet our new Nurse: Leandra McLean



I have been a critical care and emergency nurse for the last 25 years and this is my first venture into public health. I am excited to get to know members of the senior community. My plan is to be visible and approachable! We will continue our blood pressure screenings, and want to add that I am open to discussing your health questions at any point. As a new feature we will include a 3-5 minute casual educational talk after exercise class on Monday.

Please feel free to suggest topics you would like to learn more about.

I look forward to getting to know you!

Leandra— RN, BSN, CEN, CCRN

APRIL TRIPS & EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	TIME & LOCATION
MONDAY 4/4	Annie Dress Rehearsal	Seniors attend the Bird Middle School dress rehearsal of Annie. FREE.	3:00-5:00PM Van leaves COA at 2:30PM
WEDNESDAY 4/6	University Station Stores Westwood	Wegmans, Marshalls, HomeGoods and so much more. Registration required. Van limit 17.	11:00 AM Van leaves COA 11:00AM—2:00PM
WEDNESDAY 4/6	Mix-It-Up	Join both the children and seniors in Decorating cookies	4:00 PM FREE At COA
THURSDAY 4/7	Day of Beauty at Tri-County in Franklin	Manicures, facials, hair color and cuts. Lunch at Gerry's restaurant if open. Registration required.	8:30 AM Van leaves COA
THURSDAY 4/7	Chickie Flynn's	Sign up at COA. If you attended last month please wait to sign up. There is a \$2.50 gratuity per person to be paid at the restaurant.	11:15 AM Van leaves COA
THURSDAY 4/7	High School Student Performance	Come and listen to very talented Walpole students perform musical verses.	3:15 - 4:15 PM FREE At COA
MONDAY 4/11	Patriot Place Shopping Trip	Eat, shop, people watch or do it all. The time is yours. Registration required.	11:30 AM Van leaves COA
WEDNESDAY 4/13	Walpole Errand Day	Sign up for a ride to your errands The van will take you anywhere in Walpole. Registration required.	Times to be determined based on number of people and destinations
THURSDAY 4/14	Walk-in Breakfast	Join us for a great home-cooked breakfast and wonderful company.	8:00 –10:00AM At COA ~ \$3.00 per person
MONDAY 4/18	PATRIOTS DAY	CENTER CLOSED	See you Tuesday!!
WEDNESDAY 4/20	Creative Corner	Harney Academy of Irish Dancing. Liam Harney and his Irish Step Dancers provide another great performance .	1:00 -2:00 PM Free at COA Please Sign up!
THURSDAY 4/21	Opioid Use in Older People	Presentation by Walpole Police Department & Rite Aid pharmacist Laura Vanaria.	1:00 -2:00 PM COA—Please sign up
MONDAY 4/25	AARP Driver Safety	Learn current driving rules of the road, driving defensively and how to operate safely.	8:30AM—12:30PM Walpole Library
MONDAY 4/25	Twin River Casino	Registration required. Limited to 17 people	11:30 AM Van leaves COA
TUESDAY 4/26	Podiatrist	Appointments scheduled in advance required	1:00 - 4:00 PM COA—\$25.00 Per Person
WEDNESDAY 4/27	TRIAD PROGRAM	Come and listen to a retired Corrections Officer	11:00AM - 12:00PM Free at COA
WEDNESDAY 4/27	Mix-It-Up	Come and Learn to knit. This program is for both seniors and children	4:00 PM Free at COA
THURSDAY 4/28	Walk-in Breakfast	Join us for a great home-cooked breakfast and wonderful company.	8:00 –10:00AM COA ~ \$3.00 per person

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
REGISTER NOW! HAIRSPRAY, The Musical! Olde Colonial Café The Norwood Theatre Lunch & Theatre Combo Wednesday, JUNE 8th 11:30AM - 3:30PM \$25.00 per person (non-refundable) 17 Tickets available		*ALL PROGRAMS ARE 1 HOUR IN LENGTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ** HESSCO MEALS (LUNCH) ARE PROVIDED DAILY AT THE CENTER FOR A DONATION OF \$3.00		1 SIGN -UP DAY 9:00AM Zumba 10:00AM Wii Bowling 10:00AM Seekers Writing Club, Walpole Library 12:00PM HESSCO Potato Pollock 12:30PM Bingo
11 10:00AM Exercise Class 11:30AM Patriot Place Shopping Trip 12:00PM HESSCO Chicken Rotini 1:00PM Dominos 1:30PM Mah Jongg	12 Stop & Shop (AM Trips) 8:30AM Bird Park Walking Club 12:00PM HESSCO Beef Patty 12:00PM Whist 2:30PM Yoga 4:00PM A Musical Interlude	13 ERRAND DAY 10:00AM Exercise Class 10:00AM Knitting Club 12:00PM HESSCO Chicken L'Orange 1:00PM Creative Corner 2:30PM Senior Singing Group	14 8:00- 10:00AM Walk-in Breakfast 8:30AM Bird Park Walking Club 10:30AM Yoga 12:00PM HESSCO Braised Beef 1:00PM Cribbage 1:15PM Bridge 6:30 -9:00PM Hoops & Needles	9:00AM Zumba 10:00AM Wii Bowling 10:00AM Seekers Writing Club, Walpole Library 12:00PM HESSCO Krunchy Fish 12:30PM Bingo
25 8:30AM—12:30PM AARP Driver Safety, Walpole Library 10:00AM Exercise Class 11:30AM Twin River Casino 12:00PM HESSCO Beef Picadillo 1:00PM Dominos 1:30PM Mah Jongg	26 Stop & Shop (AM Trips) 8:30AM Bird Park Walking Club 12:00PM HESSCO Mac & Cheese 12:00PM Whist 1:00-4:00PM Podiatrist 2:30PM Yoga 4:00PM A Musical Interlude	27 10:00AM Exercise Class 10:00AM Knitting Club 11:00AM TRIAD 12:00PM HESSCO Pork Tetrazini 1:00PM Creative Corner 2:30PM Senior Singing Group	28 8:00-10:00AM Walk-in Breakfast 8:30AM Bird Park Walking Club 12:00PM HESSCO Grilled Chicken 10:30AM Yoga 1:00PM Cribbage 1:15PM Bridge 6:30 -9:00PM Hoops & Needles	9:00AM Zumba 10:00AM Wii Bowling 12:00PM HESSCO Rainbow Trout 12:30PM Bingo

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 10:00AM Exercise Class 11:30 AM Walmart Trip 12:00PM HESSCO BBQ Pork Rib 1:00PM Dominos 1:30PM Mah Jongg 3:00-5:00PM Dress Rehearsal of Play Annie, Bird Middle School	5 Stop & Shop (AM Trips) 8:30 AM Bird Park Walking Club 12:00PM HESSCO Chicken 12:00PM Whist 2:30PM Yoga 4:00PM A Musical Interlude	6 10:00AM Exercise Class 11:00AM-2:00PM University Station Stores 12:00PM HESSCO Stuffed Shells 12:30PM Pokeno 2:30PM Senior Singing Group 4:00PM Mix-It-Up	7 8:30AM Bird Park Walking Club 8:30AM Day of Beauty 10:30AM Yoga 11:15AM Chickie Flynn's 12:00PM HESSCO Roast Turkey 1:00PM Cribbage 1:15PM Bridge 3:15PM HS Student Performance	9:00AM Zumba 12:00PM HESSCO Sweet & Sour Meatballs 12:30PM Bingo
PATRIOTS DAY Center Closed	19 Stop & Shop (AM Trips) 8:30AM Bird Park Walking Club 12:00PM HESSCO Chicken Alfredo 12:00PM Whist 2:30PM Yoga 4:00PM A Musical Interlude	20 10:00AM Exercise Class 12:00PM HESSCO Meatloaf w/Gravy 12:30PM Pokeno 1:00PM Creative Corner 2:30PM Senior Singing Group	21 8:30AM Bird Park Walking Club 10:30AM Yoga 12:00PM HESSCO Cheese Omelets 1:00PM Opioid Use 1:00PM Cribbage 1:15PM Bridge 1:30PM COA Board Meeting	9:00AM Zumba 12:00PM HESSCO Chicken Sausage 12:30PM Bingo

Please **sign up for <u>ALL</u> trips and events** you would like to attend. **IN-PERSON** and **PHONE** registration begins **FRIDAY APRIL 1st at 8:30 AM**.

LET US PLACE YOUR AD HERE.

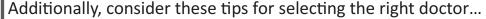




Finding a doctor that is right takes time. Primary care doctors are family practitioners, internists or geriatricians. A geriatrician specializes in older people, but family practitioners and internists may also have a lot of experience with older patients.

If you need a primary doctor or are not at ease with the one you currently have, now may be the time to find a new doctor that you trust. People sometimes hesitate to find a new doctor because they worry about hurting their doctor's feelings. Doctors understand that different people have different needs; they know it is important for everyone to have a doctor with whom they are comfortable. Some questions to consider:

- Do you care if your doctor is a man or a woman?
- Is it important that your doctor has evening hours?
- Is the doctor associated with a specific hospital or medical center?
- Does the doctor accept your medical insurance?
- Does the doctor speak your language?



- Ask friends or relatives, medical specialists, or other health professionals
- Check your insurer's directory or search on its website for doctors in your network
- Look for board certification through the American Board of Medical Specialties
- Check the American Medical Association's website www.ama-assn.org
- To find a list of doctors who participate in Medicare, visit www.webmd.com
- Check the state medical society to see if complaints have been filed against any of the doctors you are considering www.massmed.org

A Note From Your Outreach Worker!

It is the time of year to get outside, start moving and enjoy the beautiful spring flowers.

We have rescheduled our **AARP Driver Safety Course for Monday, April 25th, 8:30AM at the Walpole Library.** If you registered for the March 21st event (which was cancelled due to the early spring storm) we will contact you to re-register for the April 25th.program. We have 30 seats available. Please spread the word. If you know anyone who is interested in this program, please encourage them to contact the Center to register.



Looking forward to warmer weather ahead.

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WALPOLE Health Department and COA

The Walpole Nurse will conduct clinics for blood pressure checks, screenings and provides health information on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 11:30AM, Walpole Senior Center, Town Hall.

Restoring balance and mobility with the Alexander Technique

Tuesday, May 3, 17, 24, 31 1:00 – 2:00PM Cost: \$40.

As people age, they begin to limit the way they move due to balance issues and fear of falling. Range of motion is compromised, and the body and mind become stiff. This class will explore through gentle hands on work and group activity how to move with more freedom and ease thereby creating more enthusiasm for life.

A special **THANK YOU** to our community friends hosting the **Junior Women's League** Senior Ice Cream Social, **Walpole Lion's Club** Spaghetti Dinner and the **Senator Timilty** & **Walpole Firemens'**St. Patrick's Day Breakfast.